

REMARKS

Claims 19-30 are now pending, with Claim 19 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 19-30 have been added. Support for these added claims can be found throughout the specification and at least at the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10, the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 22, and Examples 4-5, pages 19-22 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended at two locations to remove reference to internet hyperlinks.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (drawn to a polynucleotide, chimeric gene, transformed host cell, and the first method of using the polynucleotide: a method of altering the level of expression of a cellulose synthase in a host cell) and Group (e) (SEQ ID NO:9 or a sequence coding SEQ ID NO:10).

Applicants believe new claims 19-30 to be directed to Group I and Group (e).

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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